

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN UR

SUBJECT: VOA PROGRAMMING

1. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT VOA ALREADY AWARE LENGTHY (THREE TAKES) AP WIRE

STORY WRITTEN BY BRUEAU NEWCOMER BARTON REPPERT 9 JULY. STORY WRITTEN FROM VIEWPOINT THAT THAT THE CRITICAL SOVIET RADIO PROGRAM JUST A

PART OF MOSCOW'S "CONTINUING EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES."

2. RADIO PROGRAM CLEVERLY DONE FROM PROPAGANDA STANDPOINT, SELECTING STRONGLY CRITICAL PROTEST SONGS SUNG BY TOP AMERICAN FOLK SINGERS AND ATTACKING SUCH AREAS AS CRIME, POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT, IN USA.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY RECOGNIZES LIMITATIONS AND DANGERS IN RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, IT FEELS THAT CERTAIN POSITIVE, SUBTLE AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING CAN BE CARRIED ON VOA WITHOUT "LINKAGE." EMBSSY NOTED THE EXCELLENT PIECE ON JOAN BAEX DURING RUSSIAN SERVICE MORNING PROGRAM JULY 12 (7:40 AM) WHICH WOULD FIT INTO THIS CATEGORY NICELY.

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PERHAPS THIS WAS DIRECT SPINOFF FROM AP STORY?

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ADDITIONALSTORIES ON JUDY COLLINS, JOHNNY CASH ANDOTHERS IN SIMILAR VEIN BAEZ STORY MENTIONED ABOVE.

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